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1. [redacted] Sawmill No. 16-17 [redacted] is located on the west side of Solombala (N 64-36, E 40-33). The quay is long enough to berth four vessels for loading purposes, while at the upper end there is room for two other vessels awaiting a loading berth.

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2. There is plenty of water alongside this quay; [redacted] There is no cargo handling equipment or warehouses on the quay. The quay itself is a properly constructed wharf; it is built between piles, which were driven into the river bed and the sloping river bank, and it is faced with stone. The upper part of the quay, which is used as the waiting berths, is approximately 500 feet long, but it consists only of piles. The intervening space had not been filled in; however, the river bank was revetted as in the case of the lower berths.

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3. [redacted] Sawmill No. 9-10 [redacted] is located on Keg Island (N 64-32, E 40-28). The quay, which is approximately 500 feet long, can accommodate two ships. It is a reasonably good quay, but there is no cargo handling equipment on it.

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4. [redacted] Sawmill No. 3, [redacted] is situated on the east bank of the Dvina River, upstream from the city of Arkhangelsk (N 64-34, E 40-32). The quay is approximately 500 feet long; there is plenty of water alongside the quay [redacted]

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A considerable quantity of lumber, as well as wooden parts for boxes and cases, were stored in the area. The quay itself is a half-hour journey by car from the center of Arkhangelsk.

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5. The supply of coal at the depot at Arkhangelsk Pier Station appeared to be low. An icebreaker was observed bunkering at the depot, but no ships were observed replenishing the supply. A vessel of about 2,000 to 3,000 tons dead weight was discharging a cargo of coal at the depot at Solombala, which lies between the quay at Sawmill No. 16-17 and the shipyard. This coal depot is equipped with four cranes, each of which has a capacity of five tons.

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6. [REDACTED] a vessel of approximately 1,500 tons dead weight in the floating dock at the Solombala shipyard. A number of smaller vessels were under construction at this yard. 50X1-HUM

7. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

8. Thick ice covered the river [REDACTED]
The ice was encountered for some distance out to sea. Medium icebreakers kept an open channel in the area.

9. [REDACTED] a wooden tower under construction on the west side of Kharlov Island (N 68-49, E 37-21). 50X1-HUM

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